

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

FIRST-CLASS MAIL AND PERIODICALS
SERVICE STANDARD CHANGES, 2021

Docket No. N2021-1

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS ROBERT
CINTRON TO DOUGLAS F. CARLSON'S INTERROGATORY
(DFC/USPS-T1-16)
(May 26, 2021)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to Douglas F. Carlson's Interrogatory DFC/USPS-T1-16 to United States Postal Service Witness Cintron, issued on May 19, 2021. The question is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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DFC/USPS-T1-16: Please explain the extent to which labeling list L201 provides an accurate representation, for the purpose of understanding issues in this docket, of the current reach of surface transportation from an origin P&DC for First-Class letters and flats. In your response, please explain whether surface transportation is, in fact, used for First-Class Mail originating in ZIP Codes 998 and 999 and destined outside ZIP Codes 998 and 999, as indicated in labeling list L201.

RESPONSE:

The L201 will provide an accurate representation of First-Class Mail (FCM) surface reach from the 'Physical facility'. For OMX and MXD periodicals originating in 998 and 999, the volumes are transported to Seattle for processing. OMX volumes are merged with FCM surface transportation from Seattle. MXD volumes are transferred via the NDC network. First-Class Mail originating in ZIP codes 998 and 999 are transported to Anchorage to be merged with air network volume departing out of ANC. The Postal Service transports these volumes using air, water, and surface transportation.

See below for the description of the L201 labeling list:

L201 describes the First-Class Mail surface transportation reach of an origin facility for use in preparing bundles and sacks of Periodicals mail (including Periodicals labeled "news") and in preparation of First-Class Mail mixed containers. For Periodicals addressed to destinations within the First-Class Mail surface reach of the origin facility, mailers must use L201 to prepare mixed origin ADC bundles and sacks to enable integration of this volume into the First-Class Mail mainstream. Customers label bundles and sacks of mail originating in the 3-digit entry ZIP Code in Column A for delivery to 3-digit ZIP Code destinations listed in Column B using the corresponding city, state, and ZIP Code information in Column C. Customers use L009 for the preparation of mixed ADC bundles and sacks for any remaining pieces addressed to 3-digit ZIP Code

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destinations not listed in Column B. For First-Class Mail letters, flats, and parcels originating in the 3-digit entry ZIP Code in Column A, customers label trays and sacks to the corresponding destination in Column C using "MXD" instead of "OMX," And ignoring Column B.